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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 460,000 head on October 1, 2015, up 1 percent from last month and 11 percent higher than October 2014. During September, placements of 48,000 head were up 12 percent from the previous year. Marketings of 38,000 head were unchanged from September 2014. Other disappearance totaled 5,000 head.

UNITED STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head

on October 1, 2015. The inventory was 2 percent above October 1, 2014. The inventory included 6.93 million steers and steer calves, up 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.29 million head, down 7 percent from 2014. October 1, 2015 heifers and heifer calves inventory is the lowest percent of total October inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 1.93 million head, 4 percent below 2014. Net placements were 1.87 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 290,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 416,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 830,000 head. Placements are the lowest for September since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.64 million head, 2 percent below 2014

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 head during September, 12 percent below 2014.

Cattle and Calves on Feed in 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots In States and United States

State	Number on feed October 1 1/			Placed during September		Marketed during September	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		1,000 head	
Arizona	252	240	95	20	18	24	17
California	415	460	111	43	48	38	38
Colorado	820	830	101	200	210	155	155
Idaho	195	220	113	64	49	38	43
Iowa	560	600	107	99	85	114	101
Kansas	2,010	2,020	100	400	400	325	320
Minnesota	113	138	122	20	17	18	18
Nebraska	2,230	2,270	102	530	510	400	430
Oklahoma	245	255	104	55	52	54	46
South Dakota	180	205	114	50	43	42	42
Texas	2,470	2,490	101	445	420	410	365
Washington	190	195	103	43	36	32	35
Other States	305	295	97	45	43	33	32
United States	9,985	10,218	102	2,014	1,931	1,683	1,642

State	Other disappearance during September 2/		Number on feed by class October 1 1/			
	2014	2015	Steers and steer calves		Heifers and heifer calves	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head		1,000 head		1,000 head	
Arizona	1	2	249	236	3	4
California	5	5	365	430	50	30
Colorado	5	5	520	570	300	260
Idaho	1	1	110	145	85	75
Iowa	5	4	430	450	130	150
Kansas	15	10	1,050	1,100	960	920
Minnesota	1	1	96	118	17	20
Nebraska	10	10	1,460	1,520	770	750
Oklahoma	1	1	165	180	80	75
South Dakota	3	1	102	118	78	87
Texas	15	15	1,590	1,740	880	750
Washington	1	1	110	120	80	75
Other States	2	1	200	200	105	95
United States	65	57	6,447	6,927	3,538	3,291

1/ Cattle on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of silage, hay and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

PACIFIC REGION - COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during September 2015 totaled 111.6 million pounds (dressed weight), up 2 percent from the previous month and 2 percent higher than September 2014. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and state-inspected plants, but excludes farm slaughter. In September 2015, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered in California was 1,370 pounds, calves 94 pounds, sheep & lambs 147 pounds, and hogs 241 pounds. In Hawaii, 700,000 pounds of red meat were produced in September 2015, and 100,000 pounds were produced in Nevada.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in September, up 5 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in September 2014.

Beef production, at 2.09 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.47 million head, down 2 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was up 39 pounds from the previous year, at 1,383 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.8 million pounds, 5 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 37,200 head, down 12 percent from

September 2014. The average live weight was up 22 pounds from last year, at 312 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 9 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.73 million head, up 10 percent from September 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 280 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.2 million pounds, was down slightly from September 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 190,800 head, slightly below last year. The average live weight was 128 pounds, unchanged from September a year ago.

January to September 2015 commercial red meat production was 35.8 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 16 percent, pork was up 8 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

September 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

September 2015 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturday.

Commercial Slaughter, September 1/

Species and State	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head		1,000 pounds		Pounds	
Cattle						
California	97.8	100.5	127,070	136,412	1,312	1,370
Hawaii	0.8	0.8	925	859	1,094	1,141
Nevada	0.1	0.1	140	128	1,053	1,059
United States	2,531.1	2,473.1	3,393,150	3,411,616	1,344	1,383
Calves						
California	8.8	8.2	849	758	99	94
Hawaii	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
United States	42.4	37.2	12,221	11,527	290	312
Sheep & lambs						
California	23.0	21.9	3,010	3,204	131	147
Hawaii	0.1	0.2	6	23	119	147
Nevada	0.1	0.2	12	18	116	116
United States	191.5	190.8	24,510	24,502	128	128
Hogs						
California	201.8	196.8	51,001	47,467	253	241
Hawaii	1.1	0.8	268	200	243	248
Nevada	0.1	0.1	16	22	249	257
United States	8,829.2	9,726.5	2,498,750	2,721,450	283	280

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

Commercial Red Meat Production

State	September 2014	August 2015	September 2015	September 2015/September 2014
	Million pounds			Percent
California	109.4	108.9	111.6	102
Hawaii	0.7	0.7	0.7	89
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
United States	3,959.8	3,901.4	4,140.3	105

UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY UP 4 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2015 was 68.4 million head. This was up 4 percent from September 1, 2014, and up 2 percent from June 1, 2015. This is the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

Breeding inventory, at 5.99 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 62.4 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

The June-August 2015 pig crop, at 30.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.39 for the June-August period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

PACIFIC REGION – MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 3.17 billion pounds of milk in September 2015. This is 5 percent below August 2015, but 4 percent below September 2014.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,785 pounds, 90 pounds less than August 2015.

Milk Production, California and United States

Month	California 1/						Total milk receipts 5/		United States 1/ 2/					
	Milk cows 3/		Milk per cow 4/		Milk production 4/				Milk cows 3/		Milk per cow 4/		Milk production 4/	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds		Million pounds		1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds	
Jan	1,781	1,779	2,035	1,985	3,624	3,531	3,623	3,528	8,516	8,620	1,901	1,919	16,186	16,544
Feb	1,780	1,778	1,910	1,840	3,400	3,272	3,396	3,281	8,516	8,620	1,749	1,756	14,892	15,139
Mar	1,781	1,779	2,140	2,080	3,811	3,700	3,806	3,697	8,530	8,622	1,957	1,961	16,690	16,907
Apr	1,780	1,778	2,065	2,025	3,676	3,600	3,671	3,602	8,547	8,626	1,912	1,928	16,344	16,633
May	1,779	1,779	2,110	2,050	3,754	3,647	3,750	3,649	8,558	8,630	1,979	1,992	16,934	17,187
Jun	1,779	1,778	1,995	1,910	3,549	3,396	3,544	3,393	8,572	8,628	1,895	1,900	16,241	16,394
Jul	1,779	1,778	1,980	1,915	3,522	3,405	3,521	3,402	8,583	8,628	1,909	1,922	16,381	16,586
Aug	1,779	1,778	1,940	1,875	3,451	3,334	3,449	3,338	8,585	8,634	1,885	1,891	16,184	16,331
Sep	1,779	1,778	1,850	1,785	3,291	3,174	3,291		8,593	8,634	1,806	1,805	15,519	15,583
Oct	1,779		1,875		3,339		3,432		8,594		1,864		16,017	
Nov	1,780		1,840		3,277		3,352		8,598		1,806		15,527	
Dec	1,780		1,950		3,473		3,471		8,611		1,888		16,256	

1/ Revised 2014 data.

2/ Twenty-three state total.

3/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

4/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

5/ Milk receipts are from the California Department of Food and Agriculture's Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

Farm Prices: Average Price Received by Farmers, California and United States 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015
		Dollars			Dollars		
Hogs, all	Cwt	---	---	---	83.20	58.70	59.00
Cows 2/	Cwt	---	---	---	121.00	113.00	110.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt	---	---	---	159.00	150.00	149.00
Calves	Cwt	---	---	---	271.00	275.00	273.00
Milk cows 3/ 4/	Head	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00	1,970.00	1,970.00	2,030.00
Milk, all 5/ 6/	Cwt	22.60	15.12	15.23	24.20	16.60	16.70

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, and October.

4/ Milk cow prices are for July 2014, April 2015, and July 2015.

5/ August 2015 Fat test percent: all milk; 3.63

6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

Hay Prices 1/

State	Alfalfa hay			Other hay		
	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015	August 2014	July 2015	August 2015
	Dollars per ton			Dollars per ton		
Arizona	240.00	150.00	140.00	205.00	165.00	180.00
California	245.00	185.00	165.00	190.00	160.00	135.00
Idaho	200.00	185.00	165.00	180.00	170.00	150.00
Nevada	260.00	180.00	160.00	225.00	250.00	215.00
Oregon	230.00	220.00	200.00	225.00	200.00	180.00
Utah	205.00	165.00	160.00	165.00	135.00	130.00
United States	207.00	169.00	159.00	132.00	129.00	115.00

1/ Current month hay prices are preliminary.